

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Rep. Sam Farr (D-Carmel) has secured \$750,000 to fund two transportation projects and one affordable housing development in Santa Cruz.

The funds are included in the House Appropriations bill that funds the U.S. Departments of Transportation and Housing and Urban Development. It will be voted on by the full House of Representatives later this month where it is expected to pass.

"Santa Cruz is facing rapid expansion and our tourism industry continues to grow," said Rep. Farr. "That combination is taxing our transportation systems. These funds will provide important longterm investments in our infrastructure."

- **Pacific Station Multimodal-Multiuse Facility:**

\$300,000 will be devoted to the Pacific Station Multimodal-Multiuse Facility. This facility will link Santa Cruz Transit with Greyhound and Amtrak and will allow development of a commercial plaza, affordable housing and child care facilities above the transit plaza. Funds will be used for terminal and lobby construction and the beginning of the bus lane construction and site improvements.

"We appreciate Congressman Farr's continued support of the Pacific Station project," said **Les White, Santa Cruz city manager**. Both Metro and the City of Santa Cruz believe that this project presents an exciting opportunity to develop a facility that will benefit both the users of the transit system and the community as a whole.

- **Salz Tannery affordable housing:**

\$200,000 will go toward the Salz Tannery affordable housing development. This project will create 100 units of affordable rental housing. The targeted neighborhood has the second and third highest poverty rates in Santa Cruz County, with median housing costs of \$645,000. This funding will be used for access, streetscape and frontage improvements.

"The Salz Tannery project will to provide much-needed affordable rental housing," said **Congressman Farr**. "The lack of affordable housing in the region drives our workforce further away, which further clogs our roads. We need to work harder to provide more affordable housing in our communities."

- **Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail:**

\$250,000 will be dedicated to the Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail. After completion, this multi-use pathway will link 52 miles of existing and newly established trail segments into a continuous coastal trail around the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary.

"The Scenic Trail is an exciting project that will draw even more tourists to our area," said **Congressman Farr**. "The bike and pedestrian trail around Monterey Bay will offer us nature's best meeting of land and sea."

The Transportation and Housing and Urban Development Appropriations bill will be voted on by the full House later in the month. For more information on these programs or the appropriations process, contact Tom Mentzer at 202-225-2861 or e-mail tom.mentzer@mail.house.gov

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